

§ 19.411 Recording gauge.

(a) *Receipts into storage.* When a proprietor receives into the storage account packages of spirits from customs custody, the proprietor must use the last official gauge to compute and record the average content of the packages received in the storage records required under § 19.590. That gauge also will constitute the basis for entries on the package summary records required under § 19.591. If the last official gauge indicates a substantial variation in the contents of the packages, the proprietor must group the packages into lots according to their approximate contents and assign a separate lot identification to each group of packages, based on the date the packages were received on bonded premises.

(b) *Receipts into processing.* When a proprietor receives into the processing account packages of spirits from customs custody the proprietor must determine the proof gallons of spirits received in each package. The determination may be made by using the last official gauge.

(26 U.S.C. 5232)

MARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTED SPIRITS

§ 19.414 Marks on containers of imported spirits.

(a) *General.* Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, when a proprietor receives imported bulk containers of spirits on bonded premises under § 19.409 or fills packages from imported bulk containers on the proprietor's bonded premises, each container or filled package must be marked with:

- (1) The name of the importer;
- (2) The country of origin of the spirits;
- (3) The kind of spirits;
- (4) In the case of filled packages, the package identification number as required under § 19.485 or the package serial number as required under § 19.490. Package identification numbers and package serial numbers must be preceded by the symbol "IMP";
- (5) If the package is filled on bonded premises, the date of fill;
- (6) The proof; and
- (7) The proof gallons of spirits in the package.

(b) *Responsibility for marks.* Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of this section, the proprietor who receives packages of imported spirits under § 19.409 is responsible for ensuring that the required marks are placed on the packages and for preparing the required deposit records.

(c) *Exception.* A proprietor is not required to place or ensure the placement of prescribed marks on packages when the spirits will be removed from the packages within 30 days after receipt at the distilled spirits plant. However, the proprietor must still assign package identification numbers or package serial numbers for use on deposit records and other transaction forms, records, or reports.

(26 U.S.C. 5206)

§ 19.415 Marks on containers of Puerto Rican and Virgin Islands spirits.

(a) *Packages from Puerto Rico.* When a proprietor receives packages of Puerto Rican spirits on bonded premises under the provisions of this subpart, the markings required under § 26.40 of this chapter will be acceptable in place of the markings required under § 19.414. However, the proprietor still must mark each package to show the date of fill as required under § 19.410, and must include on each package the words "Puerto Rican" or the abbreviation "P.R."

(b) *Packages from the Virgin Islands.* When a proprietor receives packages of Virgin Islands spirits on bonded premises under the provisions of this subpart, the markings required under § 26.206 of this chapter will be acceptable in place of the markings required under § 19.414. However, the proprietor still must mark each package to show the date of fill as required under § 19.410, and must include on each package the words "Virgin Islands" or the abbreviation "V.I."

(c) *Portable bulk containers.* Portable bulk containers of Puerto Rican or Virgin Islands spirits that are filled on premises bonded under this part must be marked in accordance with § 19.484. In addition, those containers must be marked with the serial number of any approved formula under which they were produced and with the words "Puerto Rican" or the abbreviation

“P.R.” or “Virgin Islands” or the “V.I.”, as applicable.

(d) *Cases of bottled alcohol.* Alcohol from Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands that is bottled and cased on bonded premises must be marked as required by § 19.496. In addition, the words “Puerto Rican” or “Virgin Islands” or the abbreviation “P.R.” or “V.I.”, respectively, must precede the word “alcohol” designation on the cases.

(26 U.S.C. 5206, 5235)

SPIRITS WITHDRAWN WITHOUT PAYMENT OF TAX

§ 19.418 Authorized withdrawals without payment of tax.

(a) A proprietor may withdraw spirits from bonded premises without payment of tax for:

(1) Export, as authorized under 26 U.S.C. 5214(a)(4);

(2) Transfer to customs manufacturing bonded warehouses, as authorized under 19 U.S.C. 1311;

(3) Transfer to foreign trade zones, as authorized under 19 U.S.C. 81c;

(4) Supplies for certain vessels and aircraft, as authorized under 19 U.S.C. 1309;

(5) Transfer to customs bonded warehouses, as authorized under 26 U.S.C. 5066 or 5214(a)(9);

(6) Use in wine production, as authorized under 26 U.S.C. 5373;

(7) Transfer to any university, college of learning, or institution of scientific research for experimental or research use as authorized under 26 U.S.C. 5312(a);

(8) Research, development or testing, as authorized under 26 U.S.C. 5214(a)(10); or,

(9) Use on bonded wine cellar premises in the production of wine and wine products which will be rendered unfit for beverage use, as authorized under 26 U.S.C. 5362(d).

(b) If a proprietor withdraws spirits for any of the purposes listed under paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(5) of this section, the proprietor must do so in accordance with the provisions of part 28 of this chapter.

(19 U.S.C. 1311);

(26 U.S.C. 5066, 5214, 5312, 5373)

§ 19.419 Withdrawals of spirits for use in wine production.

A proprietor may withdraw wine spirits without payment of tax for transfer in bond to a bonded wine cellar for use in wine production. The proprietor, as consignor, must prepare a transfer record in accordance with § 19.620. In addition, the proprietor must prepare a package gauge record in accordance with § 19.619 and must attach it to the transfer record, unless the wine spirits are already in packages and are being withdrawn on the production or filling gauge.

(26 U.S.C. 5214, 5373)

§ 19.420 Withdrawals of spirits without payment of tax for experimental or research use.

A scientific university, college of learning, or institution of scientific research qualified under § 19.35 may withdraw spirits from bonded premises without payment of tax for experimental or research use. In order to withdraw a specific quantity of spirits for experimental or research use, the qualified institution must file a letterhead application with, and receive written approval from, the appropriate TTB officer.

(26 U.S.C. 5312)

§ 19.421 Withdrawals of spirits for use in production of nonbeverage wine and nonbeverage wine products.

A proprietor may withdraw spirits without payment of tax for transfer to a bonded wine cellar for use in the production of nonbeverage wine and nonbeverage wine products in accordance with part 24 of this chapter. The proprietor, as consignor, must prepare a transfer record in accordance with § 19.620. In addition, the proprietor must prepare a package gauge record in accordance with § 19.619 and must attach it to the transfer record, unless the wine spirits are already in packages and are being withdrawn on the production or filling gauge.

(26 U.S.C. 5214)